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Walla Walla District Corps of Engineers Safe Lockage Policy For Recreational Craft

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A safe lockage is of foremost concern to the Walla Walla District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The following guidelines are in place for the continued safe lockage of recreational craft at all Walla Walla District Locks, including McNary Lock and Dam, Ice Harbor Lock and Dam, Lower Monumental Lock and Dam, Little Goose Lock and Dam, and Lower Granite Lock and Dam.

- Lockage shall be provided to "seaworthy" craft and not to swimmers, inner-tubers, windsurfers etc.
- Non-motorized recreational craft (e.g. row boats, canoes, kayaks) will **not** be allowed to lock through without assistance. Motor power is critical to safe and expeditious lockage. The nonmotorized craft may be locked if moored to an approved vessel and its passengers are on board the approved vessel.
- Personal Water Craft (e.g. Jet Ski's) are allowed to lock as long as no parts of the operator's (and on-board passengers) body are in the water during normal operation. Personal Water Craft not meeting the appropriate criteria may be allowed to lock if moored to an approved vessel and its passengers are on board the approved vessel.
- The lockmaster has the authority to make the final decision on the suitability of a craft for lockage.

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